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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the composition of the boards of directors
2 of school districts by including nonvoting student members.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 274.7, Code 2022, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **274.7 Directors.**

4 The affairs of each school corporation shall be conducted
5 by a board of directors, the members of which in all community
6 or independent school districts shall be chosen for a term of
7 four years, except for the nonvoting student member appointed
8 pursuant to section 279.4A, subsection 1, who shall serve for a
9 term of either one or two years.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **279.4A Nonvoting student member.**

11 1. The board of directors of a school district shall appoint
12 one nonvoting student member to serve on the board of directors
13 for a term of one year if the student is enrolled in grade
14 eleven or for a term of two years if the student is enrolled in
15 grade ten. The board of directors of a school district shall
16 develop an application process for the nonvoting student member
17 appointment that requires the consent of the student's parent
18 or guardian if the student is a minor. The application process
19 shall require that the applicant for the nonvoting student
20 member appointment demonstrate all of the following:

21 a. Academic excellence.

22 b. Participation in extracurricular and community
23 activities.

24 c. An interest in serving on the board of directors of the
25 school district.

26 d. If the student is a minor, that the student's parent
27 or guardian will supervise the student while the student is
28 engaged in authorized board of directors business, unless the
29 student's parent or guardian submits to the board of directors
30 of the school district a signed release indicating the parent
31 or guardian has determined that supervision of the student by
32 the parent or guardian is unnecessary.

33 2. Students enrolled in a school district in either grade
34 ten or eleven may apply to the board of directors of the school
35 district to serve as the nonvoting student member.

1 falls during the period in which the nonvoting student member
2 is a member of the board of directors.

3 The bill requires the nonvoting student member to have been
4 enrolled in the school district for at least one year prior to
5 the student member's appointment.

6 The bill makes conforming changes to Code section 274.7 (the
7 board of directors of school districts).